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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 2999

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, SN, TH, US

SUBJ: SALE OF M-16 RIFLES TO THAILAND

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. COLT MANAGER INTERNATIONAL SALES, R.E. ROY, INFORMED DAO AND CHARGE JULY 12 THAT COLT HAS REACHED SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH RTG AND GOS CONCERNING PROPOSED SALE OF 60,000 M-16 RIFLES TO THAILAND. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT COLT WILL AGREE TO PERMIT SINGAPORE TO SELL 30,000 RIFLES FROM ITS OWN STOCKS AND WILL SUBMIT NECESSARY REQUEST FOR MC CLEARANCE TO STATE DEPARTMENT SOONEST. COLT WILL SELL REMAINING 30,000 RIFLES DIRECTLY TO RTG. ROY SAID HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INDUSTRIES ONG KAH KOK HAD BEEN MOST SATISFACTORY AND THAT THEY HAD WORKED OUT NEW PRICING FORMULA (PRICING FORMULA HAD BEEN PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF DISSATISFACTION IN PAST. ROY ALSO SAID GOS HAD AGREED TO PURCHASE PARTS FROM COLT WORTH AT LEAST 50 TO 60 PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE RIFLES WHICH WOULD BE MANUFACTURED BY CHARTERED INDUSTRIES TO REPLACE THE 30,000 RIFLES PROVIDED OUT OF GOS STOCKS.

2. ONG HAS CONFIRMED THIS ARRANGEMENT TO DAO AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD APPROVE SALE ASAP.

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3. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT CONGRESS MUST BE INFORMED OF
PROPOSED SALE AND THAT IT MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH MUNITIONS
CONTROL. HOWEVER, GIVEN URGENCY WHICH BOTH RTG AND GOS ASCRIBE
TO THIS SALE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT MOVE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS
POSSIBLE. GRANT

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